

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A facsimile device including:

an image data memory for storing image data;

a plurality of memory boxes provided in the image data memory, each of the memory boxes being accompanied with a predetermined box number and storing first image data therein;

a detection device for detecting a transfer command arrived to the facsimile device, the transfer command specifying a memory box in accordance with the box number and instructing transfer of the first image data stored in the specified memory box to a calling side;

a ~~judgement~~judgment device for judging whether or not the memory box specified by the transfer command using the box number detected by the detection device is effective; and

an image transfer device for transferring the first image data stored in the specified memory box to the calling side when the ~~judgement~~judgment device judges that the memory box specified by the transfer command is effective, and alternatively for transferring second image data different from the first image data to the calling side when the ~~judgement~~judgment device judges that the memory box specified by the transfer command is ineffective;

wherein the memory box includes plurality of confidential boxes and bulletin board boxes, and

wherein each of the confidential boxes is accompanied with the box number and an identification number, and each of the bulletin board boxes is accompanied with only the box number,

wherein the second image data is stored in a memory box specified by advance from among the memory boxes, and

wherein the image transfer device transfers the second image data stored in the specified memory box to the calling side when the judgment device judges that the designation of memory box specified by the transfer command is ineffective.

2. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 1, wherein the judgement device judges whether or not the memory box corresponding to the box number specified by the transfer command exists and judges that designation of the memory box specified by the transfer command is effective when the memory box corresponding to the box number specified by the transfer command exists and that the designation of the memory box specified by the transfer command is ineffective when the memory box corresponding to the box number specified by the transfer command does not exist.

3. (Previously Presented) The facsimile device according to claim 2, wherein when the judgment device judges that the memory box corresponding to the box number specified by the transfer command does not exist, the image transfer device transfers the second image data to the calling side.

4-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Amended) The facsimile device according to claim 1, wherein the transfer command includes information of the box number and the identification number corresponding to the confidential box and a telephone number of the calling side, and information of the box number corresponding to the bulletin board box and a telephone number of the calling side.

7. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 6, wherein the judgement device judges whether or not the identification number assigned to the confidential box coincides with the identification number included in the transfer command when the box number specified by the transfer command coincides with the box number of the confidential box.

8. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 7, wherein the image transfer device transfers the second image data to the calling side when the judgement device judges that the identification number assigned to the confidential box does not coincide with the identification number included in the transfer command.

9. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 6 wherein an effective number of digits of the box number for the confidential box is set to three, an effective number of the identification number for the confidential box is set to four, and an effective number of the box number for the bulletin board box is set to two.

10. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 9, wherein the judgment device sets a numeral "0" to a second digit of the box number when the number of digits of the box number of the memory box detected by the detection device is single-digit and, then, judges whether or not the memory box specified by the transfer command using the box number is effective.

11. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 1, wherein when the judgement device judges that the memory box accompanied with the box number specified by the transfer command stores no image data, the image transfer device transfers the second image data to the calling side.

12. (Previously Presented) The facsimile device according to claim 1, wherein the second image data is image data indicating an operation manual.

13. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 12, wherein image data of the operation manual includes at least a method of specifying the box number and the identification number.

14. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 13, wherein the image data of the operation manual includes at least information registered in each of the memory boxes.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The facsimile device according to ~~claim 15~~claim 1, wherein the image transfer device transfers the second image data stored in the specified memory box to the calling side when the judgement device judges that the memory box corresponding to the box number specified by the transfer command does not exist.

17-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The facsimile device according to ~~claim 15~~claim 1, wherein the transfer command includes information of the box number and the identification number corresponding to the confidential box and a telephone number of the calling side, and information of the box number corresponding to the bulletin board box and a telephone number of the calling side.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The facsimile device according to claim 19, wherein the image transfer device transfers the second image data stored in the specified memory box to the calling side when the judgement device judges that the identification number assigned to the confidential box does not coincide with the identification number included in the transfer command.

22. (Currently Amended) The facsimile device according to ~~claim 15~~claim 1, wherein when the judgement device judges that the memory box accompanied with the box

number specified by the transfer command stores no image data, the image transfer device transfers the second image data stored in the specified memory box to the calling side.

23. (Currently Amended) The facsimile device according to ~~claim 15~~claim 1, wherein the second image data includes at least a method of specifying the box number and the identification number.

24. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 23, wherein second image data includes at least information registered in each of the memory boxes.

25. (Currently Amended) The facsimile device according to ~~claim 15~~claim 1, wherein the specified memory box is set to one of the bulletin board boxes.

26. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 2 further including:
a message data memory for storing in advance a plurality of message data;
a transfer data setting device for choosing a first message data from the message data memory, the first message data indicating that designation of the memory box number is ineffective, when the judgement device judges that the designation of the memory box specified by the transfer command is ineffective, and for setting transfer data in accordance with the chosen first message data.

27. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 26, wherein the image transfer device transfers to the calling side the transfer data corresponding to the first message data set by the transfer data setting device.

28. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 27, wherein
when the judgement device judges that the memory box corresponding to the box number specified by the transfer command does not exist, the transfer data setting device chooses a second message data from the message data memory, the second message data indicating that the memory box corresponding to the specified box number does not exist, and sets the transfer data in accordance with the chosen second message data;

the image transfer device transfers the transfer data corresponding to the second message data set by the transfer data setting device to the calling side.

29-30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) The facsimile device according to claim 26, wherein the transfer command includes information of the box number and the identification number corresponding to the confidential box and a telephone number of the calling side, and information of the box number corresponding to the bulletin board box and a telephone number of the calling side.

32. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 31, wherein the judgement device judges whether or not the identification number assigned to the confidential box coincides with the identification number included in the transfer command when the box number specified by the transfer command coincides with the box number of the confidential box.

33. (Previously Presented) The facsimile device according to claim 32, wherein when the judgement device judges that the identification number assigned to the confidential box does not coincide with the identification number included in the transfer command, the image transfer data setting device chooses a third message data from the message data memory, the third message indicating that the identification number assigned to the confidential box does not coincide with the identification number included in the transfer command, and sets the transfer data in accordance with the chosen third message data; and

the image transfer device transfers the transfer data corresponding to the third message data set by the transfer data setting device to the calling side.

34. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 26, wherein when the judgement device judges that the memory box accompanied with the box number specified by the transfer command stores no image data, the transfer data setting

device chooses a fourth message data from the message data memory, the fourth message data indicating that the memory box of the box number specified by the transfer command stores no image data, and sets the transfer data in accordance with the chosen fourth message data; and

the image transfer device transfers the transfer data corresponding to the fourth message data set by the transfer data setting device to the calling side.

35. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 26, wherein the first message data includes at least explanation of a specifying method of the box number.

36. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 33, wherein the third message data includes at least explanation of a specifying method of the identification number.

37. (Original) The facsimile device according to claim 34, wherein the fourth message data includes at least explanation of information registered in each of the memory boxes.

38-46. (Canceled)

47. (Previously Presented) The facsimile device according to claim 19, wherein the judgement device judges whether or not the identification number assigned to the confidential box coincides with the identification number included in the transfer command when the box number specified by the transfer command coincides with the box number of the confidential box.